



GRANT RECIPIENT
SHIRLEY HEINZE LAND
TRUST INC.

YEAR
2009

COUNTY
LAKE, PORTER, LAPORTE

CATEGORY
EDUCATION/OUTREACH

GRANT AWARD
\$5,000

LOCAL SHARE
\$5,000

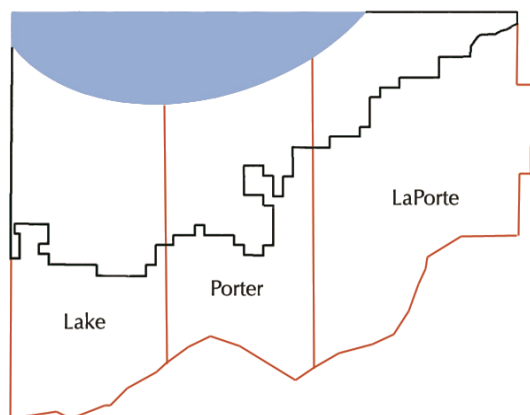


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Moraine Forest Conservation Land Owner Outreach Project

The objective and scope of this project was to conduct the second phase of the large scale comprehensive conservation planning effort for the moraine forest in the southern Lake Michigan watershed. This was accomplished by four land trusts (LaPorte County Conservation Trust, Save the Dunes, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, and Woodland Savanna Land Conservancy) operating within the same geographic area. This project focused on implementing the comprehensive plan efforts previously undertaken to identify and prioritize parcels in the moraine forest. This was achieved by accomplishing the following for eight project areas (Springfield Fen, Red Mill, Little Calumet/Heron Rookery, Moraine Nature Preserve, Salt Creek, Salt Creek headwaters, Trail Creek, and Moretzky Forest): 1) Develop a prioritization map that will be incorporated into a brochure for the purposes of being distributed to land owners identified within each of the eight project areas. 2) Conduct a land owner outreach hike at each of the project areas to educate land owners about the prioritized natural area located in the vicinity of their properties. 3) Conduct a workshop for each of the project areas to engage stakeholders and land owners about conservation planning efforts, land management efforts, and conservation options (fee simple, conservation easements, Classified Forest, etc.).



RESULT: Plan for conservation of local moraine forests.